## ONGOING Maintenance Protocol (Monthly injections) Perennial (All Year Round) Immunotherapy Injections using Alutek (ALK) ALLERGEN REAGENTS.

Patient does NOT stop injections at the beginning of Spring, but rather continues ALL Year

- The Gaps in the Table are intentional and are to allow the doctor to adjust the dose if necessary.
- Peak Flows only need to be done when the patient has ASTHMA or if side effects occur.
- Give injections as <u>deep subcutaneous</u>, mid way between the elbow and shoulder, over the triceps area (not deltoid)
- If it is uncomfortable for the patient, higher volume doses can be split into half into each arm.
- An <u>antihistamine</u> can be given after or before the injection to minimise local swelling and discomfort.
- The patient must <u>wait 30 minutes</u> after each injection for safety reasons.
- Patient should continue injections and organise a review appointment 7 months after starting.

PATIENT NAME: EXTRACT PRECAUTIONS nil				File NUMBER CO PREDICTED PF			OMMENCEMENT 80 % PREDICTED PF		
Bottl e	Stock	Month	Date	Planned Dose (ml)	Actual Dose(ml )	PF before	PF after	Comment/ signature	

**Monthly Maintenance injections:** NB: one reduces 1st doses from new bottle in case of batch to batch potency variation.

<b>B-</b> 10,	000 TU				
per ml	l I				
YELI	LOW				
label					
	Monthly	1	0.30 ml		
	Monthly	2	0.40 ml		
	Monthl y	3	0.50 ml		
	Monthly	4	0.50 ml		
	Monthly	5	0.50 ml		

## **ORDER MORE ALLERGEN (2 bottles) NOW.** IF YOU DO NOT DO SO YOU RISK RUNNING OUT & HAVING TO RESTART

<b>B-</b> 10,0	000 TU				
per ml					
YELL	YELLOW				
label					 
	Monthly	1	0.30 ml		
	Monthly	2	0.40 ml		
	Monthl y	3	0.50 ml		
	Monthly	4	0.50 ml		

**NOTE: Expired allergen CAN be used** until new supplies are obtained if the patient runs out. An expired allergen is slightly less potent but NOT more likely to cause side-effects. Expired allergens will still work months after expiry but replace asap with fresh extracts.